

Purpose of Trainer Guide

This guide is meant to facilitate the design and implementation of comprehensive Continuum of Care systems in localities throughout the country. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is committed to addressing the problem of homelessness by supporting communities in the strategic use of housing and service resources to move homeless individuals and families into stable permanent housing.

Use of Trainer Guide

This text is accompanied by overheads and talking points for the trainer's use and is designed for use by either HUD staff or contracted consultants in their presentations to providers on the design and implementation of Continuum of Care systems. Recognizing that localities are in different stages of Continuum of Care planning and homeless system development, this training curriculum can be used in whole or in part to respond to different audiences. For example, this curriculum can be used as a day-long overview of the Continuum of Care planning and system development, or in discreet sections allowing for a more intensive focus on one particular aspect of Continuum of Care planning.

Format of Training Overheads

These overheads and talking points are designed for use by the trainer. The outline describes and highlights the important points that the trainer should cover. There are trainer notes preceded by a ► which provide some guidance to the trainer on how and when to elicit response from the audiences, conduct exercises, and reference source materials included in the workbook that should be provided to all training participants. In addition, the ☉ indicates the use of an overhead. The workbook includes a guide to Continuum of Care planning, copies of the overheads and learning exercises, and reference materials and worksheets to assist communities with Continuum of Care development after the training.

The worksheets are referenced by name and number in both the trainer and participant guides. These worksheets may be copied and used by the trainer for group exercises, however their main purpose is as resources for use by localities in their actual Continuum of Care planning.

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